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Council approves bits of constitution

Part-time graduate students will pay roughly ten dollars more to McGill Students' Society (MSS), according to the articles of the new MSS constitution which were approved by council last night.

by Adam Quastel

The first four articles accepted by council after lengthy and detailed debate covered the society's name, objectives, membership, and membership fees.

Under the new constitution, full-time undergraduate students will pay 100 per cent of the society's fee of \$25.00 per semester; full-time graduate students (including students in Law, Dentistry and Medicine) will pay 72 per cent of the fee; part-time undergraduate students will pay 50 per cent; part-time graduates, 36 per cent; additional session graduate students, 12 per cent; and non-resident students will be non-paying members of the society.

"In the past several free increases we have seen increases for all students except part-time graduates and additional session students," said MSS President James Green. "Part-time grads have been forgotten, I believe by oversight. They should have gone on increasing like everyone else."

"We (the Constitution Committee) thought that part-time graduates should pay half of

what full time graduates pay," Green concluded.

Responded Graduate student Stephen Fraser, speaking on special leave of council, "PGSS resolved to freeze fees at the present level. To change fees by constitutional amendments is not correct."

"If (PGSS) wants to freeze differentials, it must be at this level," retorted Green.

A fee increase would have also been faced by additional session students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, but council amended the fee structure so these students would remain unaffected.

Council accepted the fee structure on condition that the increases would only come into effect pending a fee hike referendum for part time graduate students.

Under the present constitution, the such a referendum would have to be presented to students between February 15 and March 15, if it were to be approved this year.

Debate on the remainder of the Constitution, which is comprised of eighteen articles has been tabled, as has debate on the constitution's bylaws.



In a pointed attack on social inequity, an lone bicycle symbolically chains itself to a McGill guard rail, and flails itself to death.

McGill Women win Québec Championship...
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Debating Union rejects Babb

by Guy Thompson

On Monday night the Debating Union (DU) sponsored a debate on the proposed invitation to South African ambassador Glen Babb to speak at McGill. The debate ended in a narrow victory for the anti-Babb side.

A crowd of 60 attended a heated debate on the resolution "The Political Science Students' Association (PSSA) should not invite the South African Ambassador to speak." The resolution was defended by Bruce Morrison of the DU and Nigel Crawhall, Coordinator of the South Africa Committee. Ian Simmons, Vice-president of the PSSA and Louis Belzil from the DU opposed the resolution.

Morrison initially defined the debate as operating on the assumption that everyone opposed South Africa's policies, and therefore the debate was

not over Apartheid, a point supported by all the speakers. Instead, the debate centred around Morrison's definition, whether it is "worthwhile in itself to let Glen Babb come to speak."

The speakers for the resolution stressed that the issue of free speech was irrelevant. Instead, they emphasized the international efforts to isolate South Africa and questioned the PSSA's motives for wanting to invite Babb. The resolution's opponents raised the issue of freedom of speech and their desire to hear Babb's "side of the story."

Belzil said the primary issue was one of censorship, and an attempt to prevent the "free dissemination of ideas." He stressed that, "the majority of students know Apartheid is to be abhorred, and therefore we have no fear of what Babb will say," a sentiment echoed by

many of the speakers from the floor.

Simmons advocated bringing Babb to speak so that students could express their opposition to Apartheid and challenge Babb. He stated that Babb would, "leave McGill impressed" by students' challenges.

Morrison stressed that free speech was irrelevant to the issue as it does not imply invitation to speak. Lilani Kumaranayake, speaking from the floor, concurred by challenging the opposition's, "delusion that this is simply an intellectual enterprise." She and the other speakers for the resolution emphasized the ramifications of an invitation for the international boycott efforts.

In Morrison's opinion, it would send "mixed signals" to Pretoria by first divesting, then inviting the ambassador to speak, indicating lack of resolu-

tion. Crawhall stressed the need to issue a strong endorsement of the international efforts to isolate South Africa. Divestment is only part of this, he said. Cultural and diplomatic isolation are the other components in his opinion.

Crawhall also questioned the PSSA's purpose in inviting Babb. He stated that there are many equally qualified people who are not tied to the South African government. He described the PSSA's reason for wanting to get Babb to speak as being because "he's the big name in this." He also questioned the strength of the PSSA's opposition to Apartheid, citing that they have not invited anti-apartheid speakers or participated in fundraising or other related activities.

Babb's purpose in Canada is to spread pro-Apartheid propaganda, said several government speakers. Crawhall cited

Symbolic spy exchange

by Mark Bennett

Yesterday, at 5 a.m., on a bridge in West Berlin, Soviet dissident Anatoly Scharansky was released in a spy exchange after eight years of captivity. Whisked to Frankfurt to join his wife, they then left for Israel to meet his family lawyer, McGill Professor Irwin Cotler.

Cotler, presently head of the Canadian delegation of the Helsinki-Watch spoke to CBC last night. He quoted Scharansky as saying he now intends "to live a normal life and have a family."

Cotler first began to work on the case of the human rights advocate in the fall of 1977, when his wife, Avital, was referred to him while visiting Montréal Jews. He prepared "The Scharansky Appeal" in 1978 to defend him in the Soviet courts.

Scharansky was arrested by the KGB and charged with spying, for his activity with Helsinki-Watch, an organisation in the USSR which publicizes human rights violations in the East. He was also active in linking the Jewish emigration movement and dissident intellectuals.

He was sentenced to 13 years of hard labour in 1977.

Scharansky's case was brought up at the Geneva super-power summit this fall. Rumours of his impending release had been circulating over the past few months, and have intensified over the past two weeks. On Sunday, Cotler left notice with the Law department that he was leaving for Jerusalem to meet Scharansky. It is not known when he will return.

During his detention, Scharansky was subject to periods of up to four months of solitary confinement, and he declared hunger strikes as long as 109 days in protest of his treatment.

"It is very good to see that Scharansky was released, said Charles Small, President of the Hillel Students' Steering Committee. "He is the symbol of Jewish resistance in the Soviet Union. It is imperative that people realize that the persecution of the Jewish community continues and in fact has worsened in the past few years."

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Babb's refusal to speak on the issues of black health care, Bantu education and the black 'homelands' (Bantustans). One speaker expressed her fear that

Babb's "carefully constructed lies" might sway some listeners. Morrison stated that the South African government was not interested in McGill students' criticisms and

challenges, stating that Babb clearly was not "a 200 pound suggestion box in a three piece suit."

Crawhall called upon the PSSA to recognise the ramifica-

tions of the invitation for McGill's boycott efforts, and asked them to allow the entire student body to decide on the issue.

Mark Holder, a member of

the Black Students' Network (BSN) who broke with BSN policy on the issue and spoke in support of the invitation, stated that the "struggle engages my whole life and my people," and challenged non-blacks to be sure that they fully understood the issue before joining the anti-Apartheid bandwagon. He believed listening to Babb would be an educational experience, but stressed that non-blacks should analyze their interest in Babb carefully.

At the end of the debate, a vote by the audience was called. The resolution passed by 32 votes for to 28 against.

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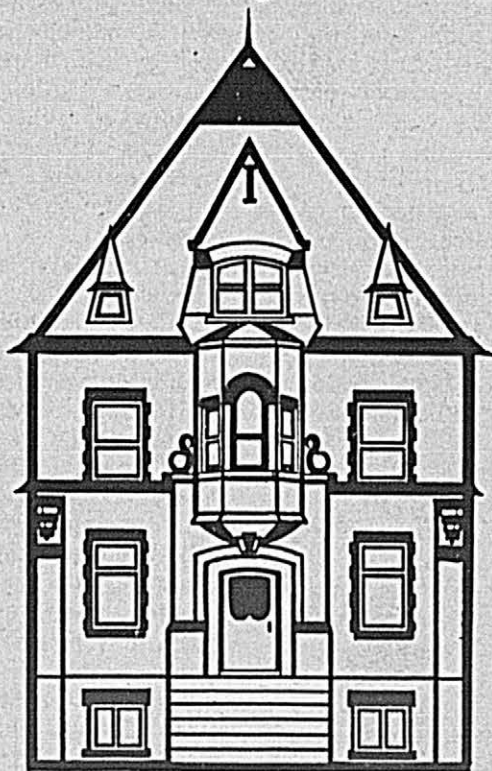


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Speaker discusses Israel in the eighties.

by Randy Fisher

"Israeli Arabs have realized that 20 years of life in Israel have changed them forever," says Fred Gotheil, addressing a receptive audience of 50 students in McGill's Leacock building last Thursday.

A professor from the University of Illinois, National Chair of American Professors for Peace in the Middle East and a former White House consultant, Gotheil gave a lecture entitled *Israel in the '80s*.

Forcefully articulate and dogmatic, Gotheil glossed over the political, religious, and cultural realities of Arabs in Israel. "They've tasted the fruits of modernization. They think like we do, in terms of self-interest. I'm convinced of that."

He also dismissed the Muslim

connection, saying "they don't give two hoots about Afghanistan."

Gotheil pointed to increases in life expectancy, greater access to social amenities, health and educational facilities to show the advantages of Israeli Arabs as compared with their brethren living elsewhere in the region. While Gotheil admits "it's almost a pressure cooker of a life," he says that "there are few crocodile tears shed about the old days, across the Jordan River, before the 1967 Open Bridges policy."

Didi Cohen, a U3 Representative to the McGill Political Science Students' Association (PSSA), didn't agree with Gotheil's economic deterministic view:

"I'm not altogether sure that the Middle East can be looked at objectively. There are enough

people still willing to die on both sides of the issue," she said.

Conversely, another student who wished to remain anonymous said, "The bottom line is prosperity and social standing. If the PLO is under such oppression, why don't they go back to Jordan?"

Gotheil tied the increase in services to Israel's revolutionary economic expansion. "Having undergone major structural changes in the economy, Israel has geared itself to the 21st century, moving from agriculture to industry, and from industry to high technology," he said.

Israel is at the forefront of the hi-tech industry, setting the standard for competition, Gotheil said. A world leader in the design and production of lasers, military and surgical equipment, electrical optical

equipment, hydro and aeroponics, Israel's advanced technology is now being imported by the People's Republic of China, he added.

Israel has had to pay a heavy price for its economic transition. With 1,000 per cent inflation and eight per cent unemployment, Israel has had to deal with the great uncertainties of change.

"Israelis are terrified by unemployment," said Gotheil, citing their traditional socialist background and the possibility of Jewish emigration if the economy worsens.

In 1980, Gotheil said, Israel had to 'bite the bullet.' The 1979 Camp David Peace Accords had strong economic implications, necessitating an additional eight billion dollars in expenditures for moving

military bases in the Negev and giving up the oilfields in the Sinai.

Israel had to cut consumption by decreasing government and military expenditures, and reducing its subsidization of capital. As a direct result, interest rates climbed while the standard of living and construction starts fell. The multiplier effects of these changes were enormous. "Nevertheless, Gotheil maintained, this is not the undoing of Israel, but the consolidation of an economy."

"Despite these difficulties," said Gotheil, Israeli society is not like the Crusades." Serving notice to the Arab world he said, "in spite of the oil crises and military confrontations, Israel is thriving and dynamic, and is here to stay."

Star wars no fun

by Simon Proops

"I believe that the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), if deployed, would be the end of arms control," said Gordon Edwards yesterday in a speech at McGill, *The Fallacy of Star Wars*.

A very attentive audience of 20 heard Edwards, president of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility (CCNR) and co-author of *Canada and the Nuclear Arms Race* go on to proclaim SDI as "a piece of theatre which has been very successful in distracting us from the main point." Edwards says SDI will remove the immediacy of the present nuclear threat from the minds of both the scientific community and the general public.

Edwards is concerned about the lack of understanding shown by the scientific community towards the motives behind Reagan's 300-billion dollar commitment to SDI.

These motives he believes, are:

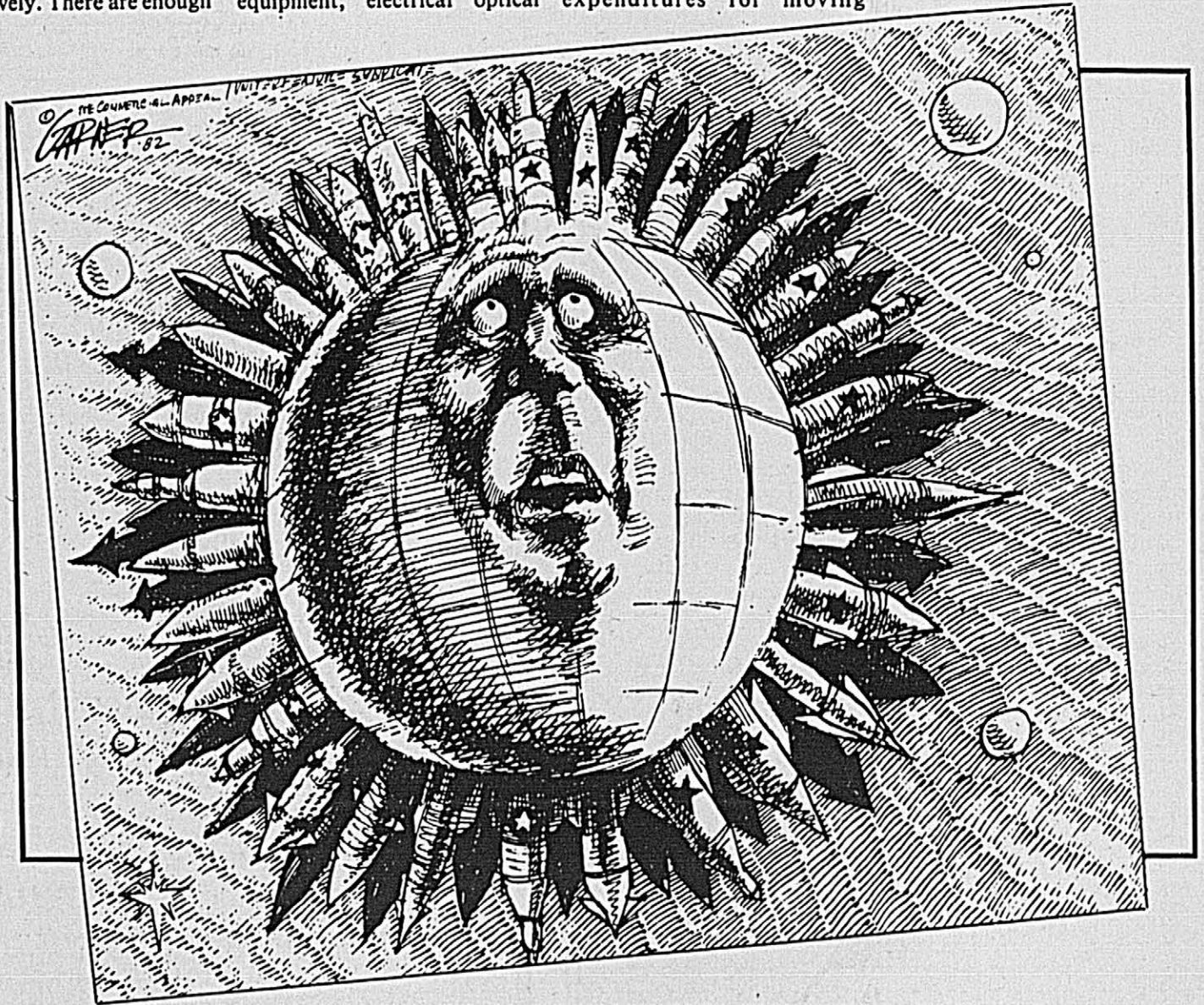
- To re-establish U.S. military supremacy.
- To purposefully violate the 1972 Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty
- To feed the western military industrial complex with huge contracts
- To defuse the disarmament lobby.

Although Edwards says "The concept of SDI is inextricably linked to the concept of first strike," he is more concerned the last motive, saying SDI is,

"...like a flare which blinds us all."

Edward described the effect of this upon his own group, the CCNR, saying, "We have shrunk from being a national coalition of hundreds of groups in the late 1970's so that our present form is as a Montréal based resource centre."

The CCNR was founded in 1975 to address Canada's involvement in global nuclear proliferation through the export of uranium and nuclear reactors. However, since the late 1970's, this traffic has shrunk dramatically and, says Edwards, so has public awareness of Canada's role in the arms race.



ANEQ conference on education

by Anna Asimakopulos

The Association nationale d'étudiant-e-s du Québec (ANEQ) will hold a 'non-aligned' conference on university funding, this weekend at Concordia University's Hall Building.

ANEQ has invited all universities and CEGEPS to attend, regardless of which Québec student association acronym (RAEU, FAECQ or ANEQ) they belong to.

The three themes are quality, accessibility and orientation of

post-secondary education.

"The objective," says Francois Giguere of ANEQ, "is to get a lot of people having a dialogue on university funding, in order to determine how it affects us in terms of quality."

There will be a 45-minute exposé on each theme, followed by workshops where students will be able to exchange information and points of view.

Bob Donaldson of the Canadian Federation of Students will speak on the accessibility of education in other provinces.

There will be two panel

discussions. One will address the future of university education. The other will feature representatives of the federal and provincial governments. Québec Minister of Education Claude Ryan may be one of the speakers.

Any student may attend the conference by registering this Friday, Feb 14 at 19h00 in the Hall Building on deMaisonneuve. There will be a \$10 charge to cover handouts, and simultaneous translation will be provided.

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Annual Tax Clinic

From March 17 to the 21, l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC) will be holding its annual Tax Clinic. But this year, it has added a new twist, as the McGill Accounting Club will also be collaborating with HEC on this project.

The clinic itself will be set up at HEC for that one-week period. Teams of students will be working together, completing personal income tax returns. In order to keep the job within a realistic limit, this service will be offered to students and senior citizens, FREE OF CHARGE. All returns will be double-checked and a professional will be present at all times to ensure accuracy. If you do not have a clue on how to fill out a personal tax return, that should not stop you from participating. Prior to the clinic, a case study will be given by a Chartered Accountant and will teach you the basics of student and senior tax returns.

The objectives of the clinic are to provide accounting students with valuable experience as well as to establish a collaborating relationship between the two universities.

So during the week of March 10th, we will be collecting your tax returns, complete with all necessary documents, in the Bronfman lobby from 9h00 to 16h00. Your tax returns will be completed and returned to you two weeks later.

We still need more students to help fill out the tax forms, so if you need to polish up your C.V., come drop us a line in Bronfman 054.

Josie Daub
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McGill Tax Clinic Committee

Should Babb speak at McGill

Your article "South Africa may meet McGill," raises one of the central issues of the society that we have evolved into — democracy vs. liberty. On the one hand, Babb is a product of South Africa and their policy of apartheid. As McGill has finally decided to dissociate itself from anything that may even in a little way help to keep apartheid going, and remove at least some immorality from an educational institution, we should boycott Babb and not let him set a foot on campus. He will undoubtedly talk of reforms, but as Bishop Tutu has said, "we do not want apartheid reformed — we want it abolished." Most of us abhor and wish to act against apartheid, we've heard the various arguments and the majority has spoken. Therefore at McGill investments will be divested, certain products will not be sold and Babb should not speak; for at least at McGill we try to put our actions behind our ideals and not let them stand there, limp, and serve the oppressed their next slave meal. Agreed?

But things are not so black and white over here. Perhaps above our often abused ideal of democracy are those of liberty. Certainly if our government had the moral courage it would act on what it supposedly believes and any vestige of apartheid would be thrown out of our nation, including Babb. But the courage is not today's and Babb is here. For some reason we feel compelled to debate about the reformation of apartheid. Okay then, one last time, if only for the sake of free speech. Why not see and hear fascism up close? Why not hear about a delightful place where economics and politics take precedence over morality beyond any humane degree, where reason is used to serve in the hideous cause of skin-tone-slavery and compassion means being allowed to explore, but not get out of something akin to Dante's *Inferno*? Why not ponder romantically the belief that the human race is divisible? How charming! For those of us who don't need to, like those who don't need to see the pictures on television — those who haven't already decided — stay away from the debate. Let the audience be the undecided and uninformed, if there can still be any left!

Liberty amongst other things means free speech and free choice. So if Babb comes and you're undecided, go and listen to him, even marvel in the diversity of human nature and human wisdom but then use your own! Remember this is a 'free' society so you don't have to do anything if you chose. But being able to understand a situation implies an obligation to at least decide if not act. That is assuming we want to use our natural gifts and are not scared of making decisions, fearing we might just have to sacrifice a smile or even a few meals. Let us invite Mr. Babb to debate but let's be fair so that we may see the face of fascism as well as the face of freedom — let us invite a member of the ANC to talk at the same time and place with him. If we must get the authentic fascist then we must get the authentic liberator. Let us get both the oppressor and the oppressed. Anything else would be most South African.

Chris Gutkind
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Nightline two years old

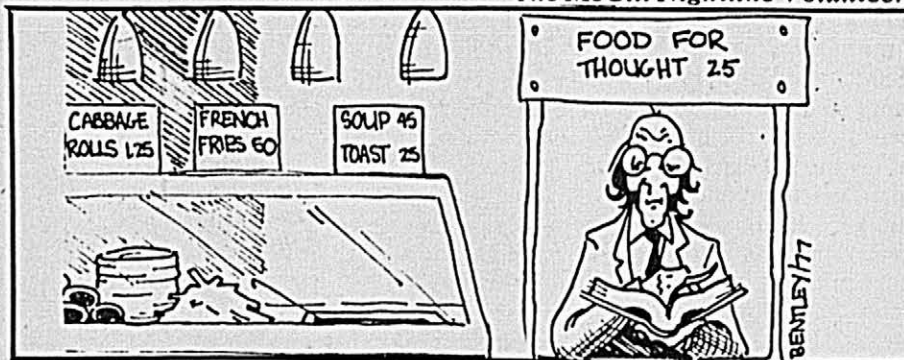
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So far this has been a good year for Nightline. We've been handling about 10 calls a night over the last semester, which is twice as many as last year, and thanks to the financial support of Student Services and the Student Society it looks like we'll be around for a long time to come.

Thus, we'd like to take advantage of this special occasion to encourage you, the McGill populace, to give us a call at 392-823, from Monday to Friday between 21h00 and 03h00. If you want to talk we'll listen. If you want information we'll try to find it in our files (events, phone numbers, movies, parties, computer centre, library and gym hours... and lots more). If it's 02h00 and no one else is up, we are. If you just can't come up with the right word, if that transcendental equation is beyond you, give us a try. We can't always help, but we'll always do our best.

So it's our birthday, and the best present we could get is a call from you.

The McGill Nightline Volunteers



Alpha Epsilon Psi Information

In the fall of 1985, Alpha Epsilon Psi, a new local women's fraternity came into existence at McGill. Some of its Charter members are also sisters of an international fraternity whose McGill Charter was revoked last March due to declining membership.

Charged with a new found pioneering spirit, these young women set forth to create and found Alpha Epsilon Psi. While the basic constitution, ideals and rituals were formulated by early fall, the creative process still continues as the sisters actively participate and incorporate their own ideas. Alpha Epsilon Psi is unique in that it allows for this creative influx. The members are the founders of their own traditions.

As with the creation of any organisation, risk is a major factor; however the ability to overcome this type of challenge has made success all the more rewarding. As a consequence, the individuals and the organisation are more dynamic.

At present, fraternity projects include a monthly newsletter containing a collection of humorous, philosophical and medical articles written by the members, fund-raising in support of Multiple Sclerosis, and weekly hatbox discussions on topics of interest and medical-ethical conferences co-sponsored with Student Health Services. Sisters also have mixers with men's fraternities and just recently elected their Alpha Epsilon Psi Sweetheart: a sort of little brother to the fraternity. Informal get-togethers are most popular especially when they involve ice cream at Swenson's, parties at various fraternities or shaving cream raids on our favorite men's fraternity.

As set out in the preamble of the constitution of Alpha Epsilon Psi:

"Whereas the university student can discover in the experience of social fraternity, applications of the wisdom inherited from scholars;

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Having built a solid foundation, Alpha Epsilon Psi looks forward to the next generations of women who will become sisters for life.

For more information you can contact any of the sisters by telephone at the following number: 849-7107.

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Cafeteria hours opposed

by Mike Gordon

The Union building cafeteria has changed its opening hour from 07h00 to 08h00, and many students who use the cafeteria as a place to study early in the morning will now have to wait an hour later until the cafeteria opens.

For the past few days, students who regularly study at the cafeteria have been coming early, regardless of the change in hours.

"They (students) are waiting outside, sitting on the floor; they are really mad and are going to see who is responsible," said a cafeteria cashier who wished to remain anonymous. The cashier estimates 20 students wait outside each morning.

SSMU council approved the change in operating hours after receiving a report from CVC — the company which runs the Union cafeteria and pubs. — manager Rolfe Walter indicating that the extra hour in the morning is cost inefficient.

"We have done an account from 07h00 to 08h00 at 15 minute intervals, and our average figure over the period

of one week showed that about six to eight people occupy the cafeteria in that hour," said Walter.

Said MSS VP Finance Marie Davis, "We discussed it because so few people are there during that hour. It just seemed ridiculous to keep the kitchen open for that few people."

According to Walter, the same figures apply to the end of the day, when many students have left the university. "At the end of the day it is the same thing. It wasn't worth our while to open at 07h00," he said.

"We lose about \$20 to \$30. On the other hand we were able to streamline our efficiency a lot better. When it comes to saving anything at all it is not a significant amount, but we had to do something," he added.

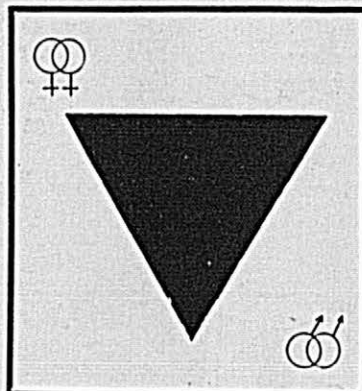
Walter pointed out that the hour changes are being balanced with a "doubling" of food services on campus, including increased service at Gert's, the Alley, and several of the faculty cafeterias.

Three weeks ago, CVC decided to close the Alley pub on Saturday nights for similar reasons.

However, according to the

same cafeteria cashier, this "streamlining of efficiency only means extra work for the present staff. "We're getting more work, but our hours are getting cut. Two cashiers used to come in the morning, one at 07h00 and one an hour later, and work the shift together. Now one has to work the morning shift alone."

Walter contends that the problem of opening the cafeteria early lies in paying an extra employee to staff the kitchen. "The problem is not so much a service. If these people could only occupy the cafeteria and not the kitchen. We have one person who has to do his misen-plus for the upcoming day, and act as a watchdog."



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- 40% of men and 20% of women have had at least one homosexual experience.
- If these numbers surprise you, you may have false stereotypes of gays and lesbians. Many hide their sexual orientation.
- Nazis tagged homosexuals with a pink triangle just as Jews were stigmatized with the Star of David. 1/2 million gays were slaughtered in concentration camps.

On Friday, wearing a pink triangle will indicate your support for gay rights. Whether you are straight or gay, please indicate your support for gay liberation — wear a pink triangle, Friday, February 14th, 1988.

Afghan resistance seriously threatened

by Caspar Landolt

TRAVELING HUNDREDS OF miles by foot and donkey caravan across the rugged terrain of mountain passes, over five million Afghans have sought refuge in the neighboring nations of Pakistan and Iran since Soviet troops invaded in 1979. Widespread popular opposition to the invasion quickly reverted to a guerrilla war of attrition, with \$325 million in U.S.-supplied arms being smuggled across the Pakistani border through the Afghan underground. But the resistance now faces a crisis.

A famine threatens to jeopardize the viability of Afghan resistance, according to an international research team which visited the Pakistani camps and ventured clandestinely into Afghanistan last fall.

"If it doesn't snow this winter, then we're finished," said one villager. In one province a lack of fodder has already forced farmers to slaughter most of their livestock — the last stage before a famine.

According to the team's report, more than half the population has left the border provinces in the past six years — a rate of depopulation even higher than the national average of one third. Entire villages have been abandoned due to Soviet atrocities and emigration.

Many refugees fall prey to bombings and malnutrition before they reach the border. A cleric of one of the refugee caravans gave the following account:

"We were attacked three times. In one village, 420 people were killed — the women, the children, the old. They entered the village with 60 tanks. They



poured gasoline on the houses and burned them, they shot down the cattle with machine-guns, they killed the chickens...they even slaughtered the dogs."

One woman in a Pakistani refugee camp told the team, "They asked me if I knew where the *mojahedin* (resistance movement) were hiding. I had my little boy in my arms. I said I didn't know. So they took a Kalashnikov and just shot my little boy in front of me."

The research team, which included McGill graduate Michael Barry (M.A. Islamic Studies, '84), was sponsored by the International Humanitarian Enquiry Commission On Displaced Persons In Afghanistan, a Paris-based group headed by former Director of the UN Human Rights Commission, Dr. Theo Van Boven.

Imperialism is not new to Afghanistan, which was ruled by a British colonial administration from 1880 until 1919. But the conclusion of the third Anglo-Afghan war brought independence to the kingdom; under Sunni royalty. Afghanistan was declared a republic after Prince Daoud overthrew his cousin in 1973, yet the nation retained its largely peasant-agrarian economy.

But in 1978 a coup d'état put the nationalist section of the Afghan communist party in power. Repression of religious and intellectual figures led to widespread popular opposition, increased repression, and finally a mutiny of the army. To prevent the downfall of the faltering régime, thousands of Soviet troops poured across the border on December 27, 1979. The Soviet Union still claims its

troops were 'invited.'

The Soviet invasion was met with a guerrilla 'holy war' (Jihad) of attrition. Although the resistance controls 80 per cent of the countryside, its divisions along nationalistic and Islamic revolutionary lines remains its gravest weakness. At least seven major groups, each with its 'government-in-exile' in Pakistan, are vying to form the next government. Additionally, the Sh'ite minority of the central highlands has become affiliated with Iran's Ayatollah Khomeyni.

Guerrilla warfare has been more difficult for the rebels on the exposed, barren mountains of Afghanistan than for guerrillas in dense tropical forests. Most women, children and the elderly flee to the refugee camps, where international aid is available.

Canada has been the second largest donor of food to the officially-recognized Pakistani camps. However, before being assigned to these camps, many refugees have to put up with precarious medical and living conditions in the 'transit' camps.

Afghan refugees have been granted asylum in Canada at a rate of less than one hundred per year since 1980. Canada provides no special status to the Afghan people. Each case is considered separately and procedures can take up to over a year for a refugee status to be granted, according to government officials.

Though divided and vastly outgunned, Afghan rebels face the threat a famine with a determination demoralizing to the Soviet forces. Perhaps their strongest asset of the Mojahedin is their firm belief in their country's right to independence.

Shingler letter libellous

To the Daily:

For several years I have read with amusement your stories of fantasy and fiction. But I never have and never feel your paper deserves the respect of a rebuttal.

But I feel compelled to respond to Mark Warner's letter of February 5, 1988, printed in your publication. Mr. Warner states in his letter that McGill students have access to a defense of racism in the person of Professor John Shingler. As a former student of John Shingler's, I can attest to the fact that he is not a racist, and for any minimally intelligent listener, it is clear that he does not articulate a racist position.

I point out that to falsely label a person as a racist is a clear-cut case of libel. In the very same issue (Feb. 5, 1988), your so-called "Statement of Principles" constrains you to not print articles and letters of a libellous nature. In fact, Mr. Warner himself mentions that freedom of speech must be limited when it comes to cases of libel. In light of these facts, I challenge you to live up to your almighty "Principles" and print an apology for the publication of Mr. Warner's libellous document, as well as a condemnation of his statements. I have every doubt that you will fail to do so.

Ken Nunney
Arts U3.

Ed. Note: Mr. Warner's letter, although strongly worded, is not libellous.

McGill a platform for bigots

To the Daily:

Re: Free Speech for Babb. We did not accept "the right to free speech" as a defense for Jim Keegstra or Ernst Zundel when they spread anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi views. Instead we hauled them into court and charged them with propagating hatred. If any Canadian publicly advocated the denial of civil rights to a section of the population on the basis of race, he could be prosecuted under the criminal code. I am therefore most shocked by the PSSA decision to let Babb publicly commit what is a crime by our own and international standards; to defend racism by propagating the South African Government's position on apartheid. I feel disgusted that my school could serve as a platform for this bigot.

M. Ahmad
Grad. Studies Biology, U3

Ombudsman doing his duty

To the Daily:

Although your article on the problems faced by the student Ombudsman was relatively accurate it erred on one important point. Mr. Fisher correctly wrote that it was difficult for a fulltime student to carry out the duties of a fulltime job. He then went on to say, however, that this had resulted in a decline in the service provided by the Ombudsman. This is a misrepresentation of the facts. The function of the officer has not declined in any way since its incorporation. If anything service has improved in the last couple of years given that there are now two Ombudsmen in the office instead of one as was the case originally. By your inaccurate wording one is left with the impression that the office of the Ombudsman is no longer a legitimate outlet for students to air their grievances and for the appropriate action to take place. It is important that McGill students not only know about the office but are confident that the Ombudsman will be able to provide effective sup-

port if problems do arise. When one reads an article that depicts the demise of a once great institution it is most likely that the individual will think twice about looking there for assistance. Such an institution is unacceptable as the Ombudsman, in their role as mediators between students and the university staff in many cases represent the only way that students can have their complaints heard and acceptable solution realized.

Patrick Johnston
Ombudsman

liberal position accepts abortion as a necessary evil in our far-from-ideal world, because without abortion women cannot be free. When "the ideal world" comes to pass, then women cannot be free. When "the ideal world" comes to pass, then women will be able to be free without the cruelty of abortion.

This position on abortion is profoundly hypocritical. Liberals use idealism to mask a deep innate cynicism. This cynicism is evident in their acceptance of cruelty as

time for the McGill Daily to change; NOW.

James Pavlenyi
U1 Chemical Engineering

WEBA article overlooks points

To the Daily:

There are two important things I'd like to point out to the readership, that were missed in Carlene Gardiner's February 3 article covering the January 27th talk at McGill given by Lorijo Nerad (International president of women Exploited by Abortion — WEBA):

Freedom of speech argument invalid

To the Daily:

Freedom of speech is a right which we, as citizens of Western liberal democracies, tend to value greatly, and rightly so. Yet we are often quite negligent and unrigorous when it comes to bringing the idea of free speech to bear upon reality. A case in point is the Political Science Students' Association's recent decision to invite South African Ambassador Glenn Babb to speak at McGill. Members of the PSSA have constantly invoked the freedom of speech argument to justify their actions. This is clearly a wrong-headed application of the principle: the views that Babb represents already command a great number of different channels of communication. Babb's very status as an Ambassador bears witness to the fact that he — and the government he represents — are in no shortage of ways in which to disseminate their vision of what is going on in South Africa. The issue is not one of freedom of speech vs. suppression of speech, but rather of whether an institution such as McGill should actively seek to open up yet another channel for the racist views of the South African government.

Seen in these terms, the issue becomes clear: members of the PSSA have a moral responsibility as student leaders not to provide a forum for Babb. McGill's divestment from South Africa is only a few months old; we should not allow Apartheid in again through the back door.

Daniel Wienstock
Treasurer, PSSA, 1981-83

Valerie Monchi
President, Philosophy Students' Assoc.

Peter Halewood
Graduate Studies, Political Science

Daily covers critical issues

To the Daily:

Re: Rambo Toys Invade Free Market. It is good to see that the current storm of negative feelings aimed at the Daily has not deterred your intrepid staff from uncovering the most important issues of the day. Keep it up!

Frank Young
U3 Film and Communications

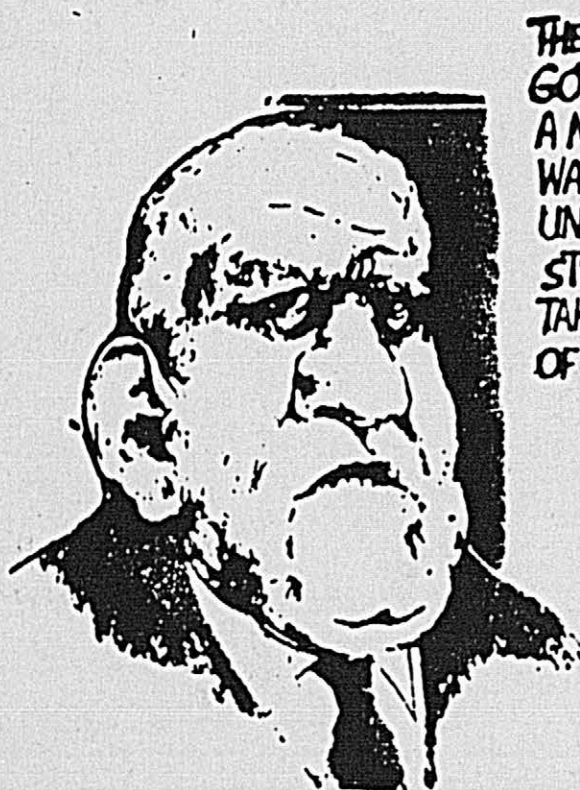
Accusation of racism "absurd"

To the Daily:

We were distressed to read the reference in Mark Warner's letter in your columns (Wednesday, February 5) to our colleague John Shingler's "articulate defense of racism." A lot of heavy language is thrown around loosely in student controversy, but accusations of racism touch on issues that are too important to let go in silence. In this case the accusation is inappropriate to the point of absurdity. People have disagreed and will disagree with John Shingler's views on how to deal with apartheid in South Africa, but to characterize these views as racist would be laughable if it were not grotesque. This kind of inflation of polemical language, just as in the case of 'fascist', ends up utterly devaluing the language of political discourse.

Charles Taylor
James Mallory
Baldev RJ Nayar
Paul Noble
Harold Waller
Frank Kunz
Richard Schultz

letters



Liberals and abortion

To the Daily:

During the past ten years, I have grown from a teenager, to a woman. During these last ten years, abortion has become, a crucial part of the young liberal feminine mystique. The young, liberal, educated classes see abortion, not only as a last-measure recourse in the case of failed birth control, but as a perhaps regrettable, yet unavoidable and integral part of womanhood. The "Abortion Experience" is part of the psyche of the young liberal woman of today. No, I am not going to spout statistics; yet I have personally taken part in innumerable woman-to-woman abortion history conversations. Young women discuss their studies, their sex-lives, their love-lives, maybe their children, and their memories of abortions.

Young, liberal society has made the "Abortion Experience" one of its female rites de passage. It has done so based on the premise that "In an ideal world, women would not need abortions." However, until ours is that "ideal world," women must be able to have abortions. The

"necessary." As long as the image of "the ideal world" is held up as the rallying banner for the future, the cruelty of abortion can now be tolerated and even praised. This position is, furthermore, based on an utterly false premise that an ideal world is possible. For, as long as we humans inhabit the earth, there can never be "an ideal world." Some women will always need to have abortions. Morality, however, is not doing what we need to do; it is knowing what we need to do but not always doing it. Even if we need abortion in our unreal world we must not choose it, nor must we assume the cynicism that denies man to act against the necessities of our imperfect world.

Natalie C. Polzer
MA4 Jewish Studies

Students fed up

To the Daily:

The MSS is simply expressing the frustration of the student body. You are hated not because of what you are, but because you choose to express your ideas in irrational, hypocritical, reprehensible conditions. The MSS is saying: "McGill students have had enough!!" It is

• Lorijo's main point, speaking from the experience of her own abortion and that of the thousands of women she's counselled, was that the burden of guilt and psychological pain caused by an abortion create a greater and longer-term problem than the problem(s) the abortion was supposed to solve.

• WEBA now has a chapter in Montréal, where women who have had abortions and regret it can have someone to talk to who's been through the same thing. Call Bev, evenings, at 767-1304.

Ademar R. Rakowsky
Meteorology, M.Sc. II

Standing up for Rambo doll

To the Daily:

Re: "Rambo toys invade free market," 6th February 1988. I enjoy my Rambo doll. He is my friend. While Barbie and Ken are awa in the Sports Camper, loyal Rambo guards my sugar cannister against cockroaches of any political stripe. If you continue to malign him, he'll come and beat you up. And that ain't no jive, fools.

John Macfarlane
U3 Arts

events

Today
The International Law Association invites all students and professors to a conference on *The European Court Of Justice: Supranational and International* by the Hon. Sir Gordon Slynn, First Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the E.E.C. at 17h30, room 101, 3644 Peel. For information call 392-4632, Faculty of Law. McGill Industrial Relations Assn Dan O'Hagen (senior economist) of the Canadian Labour Congress will be speaking on *Free Trade: How will it affect you?* 12h00-13h30 in Brontfman 151. McGill Film Society will be show-

ing *Birth Of A Nation* in the Union Ballroom. Admission-free, info: 392-8934

Newman Centre Ash Wednesday Service 3484 Peel, 17h30, Liturgy At University Chapel, 12h00, Order Out Discussion Group, 18h30, St. Anne's Prayer Group 19h30

The McGill Star Wars Committee 12h00-A *Background To Star Wars* presented by Dr. Michael Pearson at Redpath Museum Lecture Hall. 14h00-Civil Disobedience Workshop presented by Ken Hancock, room 302. 16h00-La *Connexion entre la recherche et la militarisation de l'economie* by Soulanges Vincent, room 302.

19h00-Politics of Star Wars with Ken Hancock in room 302.

McGill Alpine Ski Team General meeting at 16h30 Currie Gym in Cote Lounge. (Important: sign up for Oxford race).

McGill School of Social Work Film Series: *Turn Around: A Story Of Recovery* in room 110, Wilson Hall 13h00-14h00

Centre for Developing Area Studies Seminar Series: *Hierarchies, Classes and Indian Peasant Movements* presented by Dipankar Gupta from 12h00-14h00, 3715 Peel, room 100.

Martlets take Quebec Basketball title

by Earl Zukerman

The McGill Martlets have won the Québec University Basketball League title for the first time in their history.

With nine victories in ten games and two games remaining in the regular season, the Martlets are currently ranked as the fifth-best women's squad in Canada, behind Victoria, Toronto, Laurentian and Lethbridge.

By winning the league title, the Martlets receive a 'bye' into QUAA Women's Basketball Finals. They'll await the winner of the QUAA Semi-Final game between Laval and Bishop's —

a game that will be contested at McGill's Sir Arther Currie gym on Friday, Feb 21 (17h30).

The women's semi-final game will precede the Redmen's crucial contest against Concordia (19h30) and both games, expected to be sell-outs, will be telecast nationally on The Sports Network (TSN).

The Martlets are the epitome of the 'team concept.' Led by fifth-year veteran Anette Kiss and fourth-year Bonnie McNaughton they have finally brought respect to McGill's women's basketball programme.

"We're a lot like the Montréal Canadiens," said eighth-

year coach Hubert Lacroix. "We have a bunch of plumbers putting in a hard days work. We do very well when we play within our own limits.

"Our defence and offence is strong," added Lacroix, "but we're weak when playing one-on-one. Thus we have to play five-on-five, within the team concept."

While co-captains Kiss and McNaughton are the leaders, the emergence of rookies Janet Swords and Paula Boggild have been a pleasant surprise.

"Swords is playing very well and Boggild is one of the top rookies in Québec this year," said Lacroix. "Paula has gone

from playing three minutes a game to playing her skills 30-minutes a game," he added.

The Martlets won their first nine league games before suffering a 54-42 set-back at Laval University in Québec City last Sunday.

"Maybe it was good for us," hypothesized Lacroix. "It (the loss) brought us back down to earth. We had become a little complacent and were playing the most uninspired basketball that I'd seen this semester."

Lacroix added that the Martlets had a number of players miss practise last week due to sickness. "It's tough to stay at the top of your game

with about seven players at practise," said Lacroix.

The Martlets are gearing-up for their final two regular season games this weekend. On Friday, the Concordia Lady Stingers visit McGill's Currie Gym (18h30). Then the women cagers travel to Lennoxville to meet the Bishop's Lady Gaiters on Saturday (15h00).

In the playoff game for the Québec Championship, McGill will host the winner of the semi-final game on Sunday, Feb 23. The winner of that game will go to the Canadian National Championships in Winnipeg, Feb 27-29.

Ads may be placed through the Daily, Room B03, Student Union Building, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deadline is 2:00 p.m. two weekdays prior to publication.

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MARK PROUDMAN
Chief Returning Officer

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY GENERAL OFFICE, ROOM 105, 3480 McTAVISH STREET
ALL NOMINATION FORMS MUST HAVE THE CANDIDATES SIGNATURE TOGETHER WITH HIS/HER YEAR AND FACUTLY, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.

ALL CANDIDATES AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES are advised and invited to meet with election officials at one of the following times, for the purpose od familiarization with campaign regulations:

Wednesday, February 13, 1986 at 5:00 PM in Union B09

